

THE CONTENTS OF A GRAND HOME, 'MEREWORTH' IN BERRIMA

Following the recent sale of this magnificent property, Lawsons Auctioneers will stage a one day only sale of over 600 lots which will include the entire contents of this iconic homestead and other local vendors.

'Mereworth' has been held in the family of its current owners since 1963. The property's prior occupancy dates back to 1820 when it was part of a land grant awarded to Mr John Atkinson.

This nine bedroom home on 500 acres of prime grazing land was built in the French Provincial style with a stunning Mansard roof which is typical of French architecture between the 16th and 19th century. Designed by the highly acclaimed architect Mr John Amory who was also responsible for his architectural work at the historic 'Rona' in Bellevue Hill, this unique property sits amongst an expansive Paul Sorenson garden which reveals a complex palette of colours at this time of year.

The furnishings herald from both French and English origins and include the following: ornate chandeliers, clocks, tapestries and antique rugs, bronzes and garden architecture, important 19th century French 'Bouille' furniture, English mahogany including a well upholstered double ended chaise lounge and a magnificent partners desk. Early Scottish sideboard, all matter of soft furnishings including leather club chairs and well proportioned lounges. Antique books, antique jewellery and French copper kitchenwares. silverware, memorabilia from the Bushells Tea company, English and Continental ceramics and Asian Arts to include both paintings and ceramics. Australian, English and European artworks to include Olsen, Perceval, Woodward-Smith, Boyd's, early portraits dating to the 17th century, Antique prints and maps, French inspired outdoor furniture.

Clearance sale items include the contents of the workers cottage and workshop, French iron beds, over 100 bolts of premium fabric and Chinese wallpapers, depression furniture and rustica, sulky, above ground swimming pool, two phase scissor lift, historic cast iron tea blender by Bartlett and Sons Ltd.

The Lawsons team headed by Martin Farrah, Managing Director is well known in the Southern Highlands for providing a one-stop shop for clients requiring a complete home contents dispersal. Having held many 'on site' sales in important homes in the region for many years, a key ingredient is the presentation of the property. In addition to being highly skilled auctioneers, the role of interior decorator is also taken on when setting up the sales and preparing the illustrated catalogues. With the combination of an 'open house' and an 'everything must go' feeling the onsite auctions are always major events in the Lawsons calendar. In addition to the oldest recorded method of selling, i.e. the public auction which dates back to Roman days, the auctions are also streamed live via the internet and attract bidders worldwide. A dazzling mix of old school vibe, contemporary decorations and new technology, in beautiful surroundings.

Auction Details: Sunday 16 November, 11am start

Viewing: Saturday 15 November 10am - 4pm and Sunday 16 November 9am - 11am

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